

CED's EHS/HS 2020 Self-Assessment Summary

CEO's Early Head Start/Head Start Self-Assessment is conducted annually in accordance with the Head Start Program Performance Standards. Through collecting and analyzing data and information from a variety of sources within the program, the agency is able to identify program strengths and determine areas that may need improvement. CEO EHS/HS is committed to providing quality services for children and families. Self-assessment will enable the program to achieve the goal of providing the best possible services to children and families. The self-assessment was conducted virtually using Basecamp during April, 2020.

Program Strengths:

- Creative Curriculum training and implementation
- Child Outcome Planning and Assessment (COPA) system training
- Opening of new 3PK room at Rensselaer
- Reflective supervision with staff and establishment of ongoing goals
- Communication with Education Team at center/site level
- Increased communication with Food Service Coordinator and reception to meal feedback
- New collaboration with St. Catherine's for Mental Health services
- RFRC classrooms involved in the Pyramid cohort and utilizing the support of an external coach have demonstrated large growth in the social/emotional area.

2020 Self-Assessment Goals:

- Implement consistent transition practices with districts served for children going to Kindergarten to ensure open communication, information sharing, and smooth transitions.
- Increase support and translation services for DLL children and families.

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- Continue to provide various modalities of staff training and implement appropriate follow up after training to assess staff understanding.
- Revise the goal-setting process with families to make more meaningful and fluid.
- Improve follow through with Special Education referrals to increase the number of referrals that go through the entire process.
- Increase the implementation of Pyramid Model in centers/sites.
- Continue to ensure all program staff receive comprehensive, robust training focusing on behavior management, mandated reporting, supervision of children, etc.
- Increase staff and family understanding of data-driven practices and decision making.
- To ensure the utilization of COPA features is maximized for data and reporting purposes.
- Continue to support staff wellness during professional development days and through Mental Health Consultation services.
- To ensure all Memorandums Of Understanding (MOUs) are current.
- Improve hearing and vision screening follow up of children with referral results.
- To continue to ensure program's management system provides regular and ongoing supervision to support individual staff professional development and continuous program quality improvement.
- Increase oral health education for families and children.
- Enhance family engagement activities to include various educational topics and incorporate parent committees into events.
- Improve attendance tracking and follow up.

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